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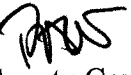
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**  
**County Claims Board Recommendation**  
**Jonathan H. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**United States District Court Case No. CV 0907359**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC 055 247**

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

## Board Agenda

### MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Jonathan H. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV 0907359 and Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC 055 247, in the amount of \$350,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Probation Department's budget.

These lawsuits concern allegations of improper supervision of a minor in the custody of the Probation Department causing personal injury to the minor.

## **CASE SUMMARY**

### **INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION**

CASE NAME	Jonathan H. vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 0907359 KC 055247
COURT	United States District Court Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 19, 2009
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Probation Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 350,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Gilbert R. Geilim, Esq. and Martin L. Stanley, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Plaintiff Jonathan H. alleges that due to improper supervision by Probation staff, he was injured after being bitten by a rattlesnake while in the custody of the Probation Department.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of the litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$350,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 220,710
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 86,065